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The Abraham Lincoln Chair

Commemorating the Golden Anniversary of the Succession to the Presidency of the United States of America of

THE GREAT EMANCIPATOR



And the Chair in replica to commemorate THE GOLDEN JUBILEE of the JOHN WANAMAKER BUSINESS NEW YORK The chair, the picture of which appears on the first page of this folder, was used by Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln in their home at Springfield, Ill., from 1844 to 1861, at which date, preparing to move to the White House, the newly elected President disposed of most of his household effects to friends and neighbors. This chair was purchased by R. L. Coleman, a prominent merchant of Springfield and a warm friend of Abraham Lincoln.

R. L. Oldroyd moved into the Lincoln home at Springfield in 1883 and started his famous collection of Lincoln relics with but one object in mind; that of keeping fresh in the hearts of his countrymen the memory of our Martyred President.

Mr. Coleman at that time presented the Lincoln chair to Mr. Oldroyd to be part of his collection. The collection remained in the Springfield house until a number of years later when they were moved to 516 Tenth Street, Washington, D. C., the former home of William Peterson.

It was in this house that Lincoln was carried after being shot by the assassin John Wilkes Booth in a box at Ford's Theatre. The Peterson residence was directly across the street from the playhouse. There he died the next morning at 7.22 o'clock, surrounded by his grief-stricken family and friends.

The nations of the earth joined with America in mourning the loss of a man, whose simplicity of life, broad-minded liberality and virtue had endeared him to his countrymen. In 1894 a number of patriotic men came into possession of the Peterson house and invited Mr. Oldroyd to bring his collection there.

The Abraham Lincoln Chair has since been a part of the famous collection of Lincoln relics. It is a true type of American colonial chair, rush-seated in the old fashioned way and was built to last for several generations. Mr. Oldroyd kindly consented to loan us the chair during the Golden Jubilee.

Fifty years ago Abraham Lincoln became President of these United States. Fifty years ago the John Wanamaker Business was born. To commemorate the Golden Jubilee we have reproduced the Lincoln Chair and three companion chairs to make a complete set; and our manufacturer, in honor of the occasion, has waived his usual profit which enables us to offer these chairs of historical interest for about the usual wholesale price.

The chairs are true replicas in every detail. They are constructed of Birch and Mahogany



Lincoln's Home at Springfield, Illinois



with Ebony finish, having hand-painted decorations of vines and fruit in gold; rush-seated over seat frames. Chairs of such material and construction were very much in vogue in the days when our grandfathers were young men.

On the Seventh Gallery, New Building, are also Lincoln Chair sets in Solid Mahogany with dull finish, made true in every way to the original model.

The Abraham Lincoln Chairs and The Lincoln Chair sets will recall, many generations hence, tender memories of not only Abraham Lincoln, the beloved President, for whose memory and fame they were inspired, but also of The John Wanamaker Golden Jubilee, which celebration made them possible.

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